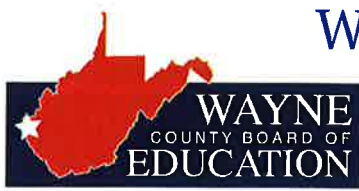


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## Face Covering Protocol for the 2021 – 2022 School Year

- Per CDC Order, Masks are required on school buses for all students at all times. Drivers are required to wear masks during loading/unloading of passengers.
- Masks are recommended for students, staff members, and visitors that are not fully vaccinated for all indoor activities.
- Masks will be required for all students, staff, and visitors when Wayne County is Orange or Red on the DHHR Metrics Map.\* The mask requirement will remain in place until Wayne County is Gold or better on the DHHR Metrics Map for three consecutive days. Masks may also be required at individual school sites if school spread is evident.
- Masks are recommended for spectators at indoor extra- curricular events.
- The District will update the mask requirement status on the district website.

### Why require masks if the County is Orange or Red?

Masking will assist in keeping schools open for in-person instruction and will decrease the number of students who need to be quarantined if exposed to a positive case. High rates of transmission in the county (indicated by an Orange or Red status) make it more likely that students will be exposed to COVID-19 in the community or school setting. Wearing masks is a prevention strategy to protect students and staff and to help prevent school spread.

Students or staff members who are exposed in the classroom setting to a positive case of COVID-19 will not need to quarantine if fully vaccinated or if masks are worn by the student/staff member who is positive and the student who is exposed.

### Contact Tracing with Local Health Department

For cases requiring quarantining, students who have been fully vaccinated do NOT have to quarantine. For unvaccinated students in a classroom, review class, bus, and cafeteria seating charts, and only quarantine students who were within three to six feet of an infected person as opposed to quarantining an entire class and sending students home unnecessarily. *In the classroom setting, the close contact definition excludes students who were within three to six feet of an infected student where both students are wearing masks.*

\*Any student who cannot wear a mask due to a medical condition, a mental health condition, or disability, and students who would be unable to remove a mask without assistance are not required to wear face coverings. Medical Documentation from a physician must be provided excusing the student from the mask requirement.